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Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage 1 National Test for Year 2 Children

The last two years have meant that we have not been able to deliver any national assessments in schools. This year your children will be sitting the end of KS1 National Tests. Please find a summary of the key information about the KS1 National Tests.

Teacher assessment is the main focus of Key Stage 1 assessment and reporting. It is conducted as part of teaching and learning in the classroom.

Key Stage 1 Tests

The tests are not qualifications, and do not affect your child's future options in school. The results are an opportunity to compare pupils nationally, to ensure schools are helping pupils to master the basics in English and Mathematics and make progress. They are also a valuable tool to help teachers identify pupils who may need additional support, and make sure this is put in place as early as possible.

What tests will they sit?

Children in Year 2 will sit tests in:

- Reading
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
- Mathematics

The tests can be taken any time during May, and they are not strictly timed. Most pupils will not know they are taking them, as teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom practice.

Reading

- There will be two tests. Paper 1 has a recommended duration of 30 minutes and Paper 2 a duration of 40 minutes, though not strictly timed.
- The first test is a combined reading prompt and answer paper.
- The second test contains more challenging texts.
- Rather than selecting children to take the second paper, it is expected that many children will begin it, but teachers can choose to stop a child if the tasks become too challenging for them.

Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation

- Grammar & Punctuation assessment:

Paper 1 - Spelling test of twenty words (approx. 15 mins).

Paper 2 - Questions to test the knowledge of punctuation and grammar (approx. 20 mins)

Mathematics

Mathematics tests are in two parts:

- The Arithmetic test will have questions testing the application of arithmetic skills ranging from knowledge of number bonds to simple fraction work (approx. 20 mins)
- The Reasoning test will be of the more familiar reasoning-type questions, covering the full range of skills, including five aural questions (approx. 35 mins)

Other points to note:

- Tests will be carried out in classrooms or other familiar working spaces and will always administered by the adults in the Infants phase.
- Writing and Science are assessed through ongoing teacher assessment.

Reporting to Parents

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1.

These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

End of year reports will say in Reading, Writing and Mathematics whether your child is:

- Working towards the age expected
- Working at the age expected

For Science it will report the following:

- Working at the expected standard or
- Has not met the expected standard

How can parents help?

- The best way to help is by taking an interest in your child's learning and progress.
- Giving positive encouragement.
- Not put children under too much pressure.

Kind regards

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